PLANNING COMMISSION SITE PLAN EXTENSION

CASE NUMBER:

SP-2011-0013CT(XT2)

PC DATE: October 13, 2015

PROJECT NAME:

Boutique Hotel at 416 Congress Avenue

ADDRESS:

416 Congress Avenue

AREA:

0.166 acres

WATERSHED:

Town Lake

APPLICANT:

416 Congress LLC (Michael J. Connolly)

725 Conshocken State Rd.

AGENT:

Drenner Group (Amanda Swor)

200 Lee Barton Drive, Suite 100

Austin. TX 78704

COUNCIL DISTRICT:

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CASE MANAGER:

Nikki Hoelter

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EXISTING ZONING: CBD-H-CURE- Central Business District, Historic, Central Urban

Redevelopment

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: The applicant plans construction of a 26 story boutique hotel, with a total of 93,920 gross floor area, with streetscape improvements, and utilities on .166 acres. Off-site parking is provided through an off-site parking agreement which is permitted through this application.

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the requested 3 year extension. The property was recently acquired by a different owner, and will need additional time to obtain building permits. A one year administrative extension was granted in April, which extended the permit until November 14, 2015.

The Planning Commission may extend the expiration date of this site plan if it finds that the site plan satisfies the criteria set forth in subsection (c) of Section 25-5-62. Staff has determined that based on the submitted request the application would meet LDC Section 25-2-62(B), the original application for site plan approval was filed with the good faith expectation by the applicant that the development shown on the site plan would be constructed, to be recommended for approval.

If the Commission approves the extension, the new expiration date will be November 14, 2018.

The Planning Commission has the discretion to either approve the request or approve 3 years or less. No construction has commenced on the site.

PROJECT INFORMATION

TOTAL SITE AREA	7231 square feet	.166 acres	
EXISTING ZONING	CBD-H-CURE		
WATERSHED	Lady Bird Lake (Urban)		
WATERSHED ORDINANCE	Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance		
TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS	Not required		
CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR	South Congress at East Live Oak		
PROPOSED ACCESS	Congress Ave. and alley		
	Allowed	Proposed	
FLOOR-AREA RATIO	13:1	13:1 (93,920 SF)	
BUILDING COVERAGE	100%	100% (7231 SF)	
IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE	100%	100% (7231 SF)	
PARKING	Required - 91	Provided - 107	

The FAR has been increased with Ordinance No. 20110324-053

SUMMARY COMMENTS ON SITE PLAN:

There's an existing building on the site which will be remodeled to accommodate the new hotel. No construction has occurred on the site. The site is located within the Congress Avenue Overlay, which states on the west side of Congress Avenue within 60 feet of Congress Avenue, the minimum structure height is 30 feet and the maximum structure height is 90 feet. The building complies with this requirement and provides a step back at 60 feet, where the remainder of the building is built to 332 feet. The site is located within a National Register Historic District, Congress Avenue Subdistrict. The eastern portion of the building is located within a Capitol View Corridor, South Congress at East Live Oak. The building complies with the height requirements of the Capitol View Corridor, and is depicted on the architectural elevation.

An ordinance was passed in 2011, which permitted the floor to area ratio from 8:1 to 13:1. The total gross floor area for the building will be 93,920 square feet.

The proposed hotel is bounded by buildings on all sides, with an alley to the west, which is the rear of the building.

Access to the building will be taken from the alley for loading and also from Congress Avenue. The site plan complies with all code requirements.

Parking for the hotel will be located on an off-site parking lot, south of the development. Pedestrian access to and from the hotel will be on the sidewalk along Congress. The parking is located approximately 187 feet from the hotel.

Any further extensions to the site development permit will be required to obtain Planning Commission approval.

<u>PREVIOUS APPROVALS</u>: April 30, 2015 - The site plan was granted a one year administrative extension, extending the permit to November 14, 2015.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES

	ZONING	LAND USES		
Site	CBD-H-CURE	Hotel		
North	CBD	Office		
South	CBD-H	Office, retail		
East	CBD-CURE	Art gallery, retail, office		
West	CBD	Office		

ABUTTING STREETS

Street	Right-of-Way Width	Pavement Width	Classification
Congress Avenue	Varies	60'	Arterial

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

- 511—Austin Neighborhoods Council
- 742—Austin Independent School District
- 786—Home Builders Association of Greater Austin
- 1037—Homeless Neighborhood Assn.
- 1075—League of Bicycling Voters
- 1200—Super Duper Neighborhood Objectors and Appealers Organization
- 1224—Austin Monorail Project
- 1113 Austin Parks Foundation
- 1228 Sierra Club Austin Regional Group

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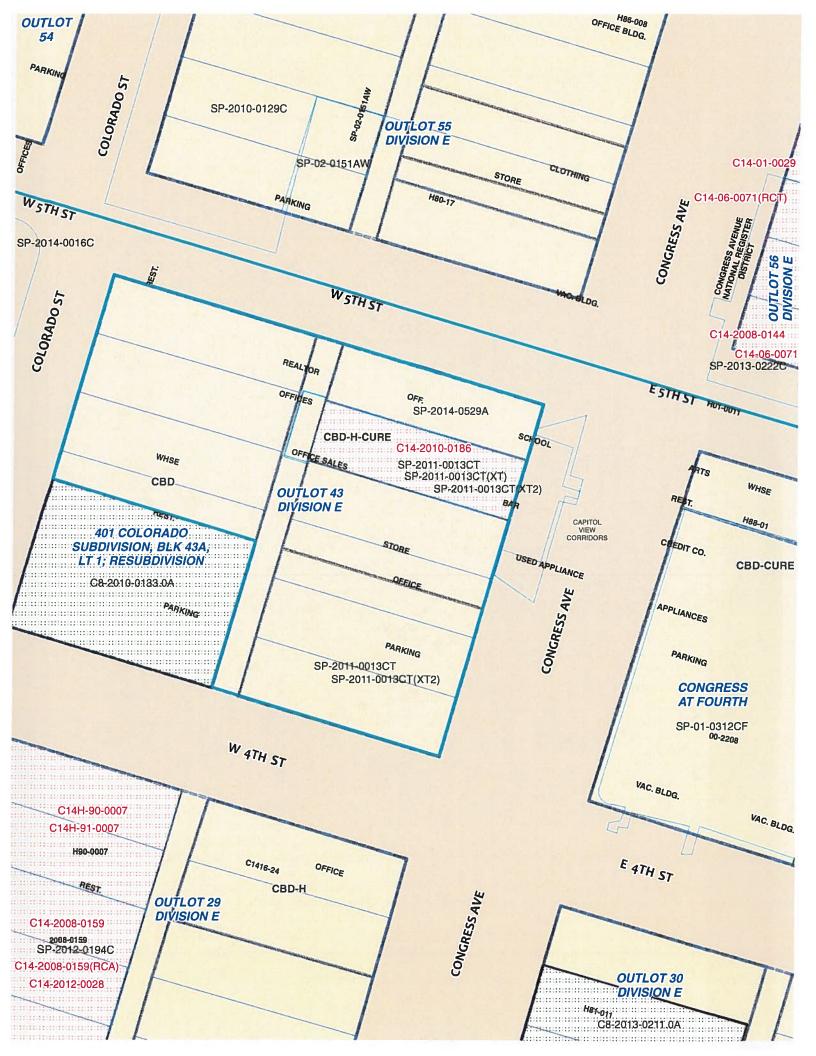
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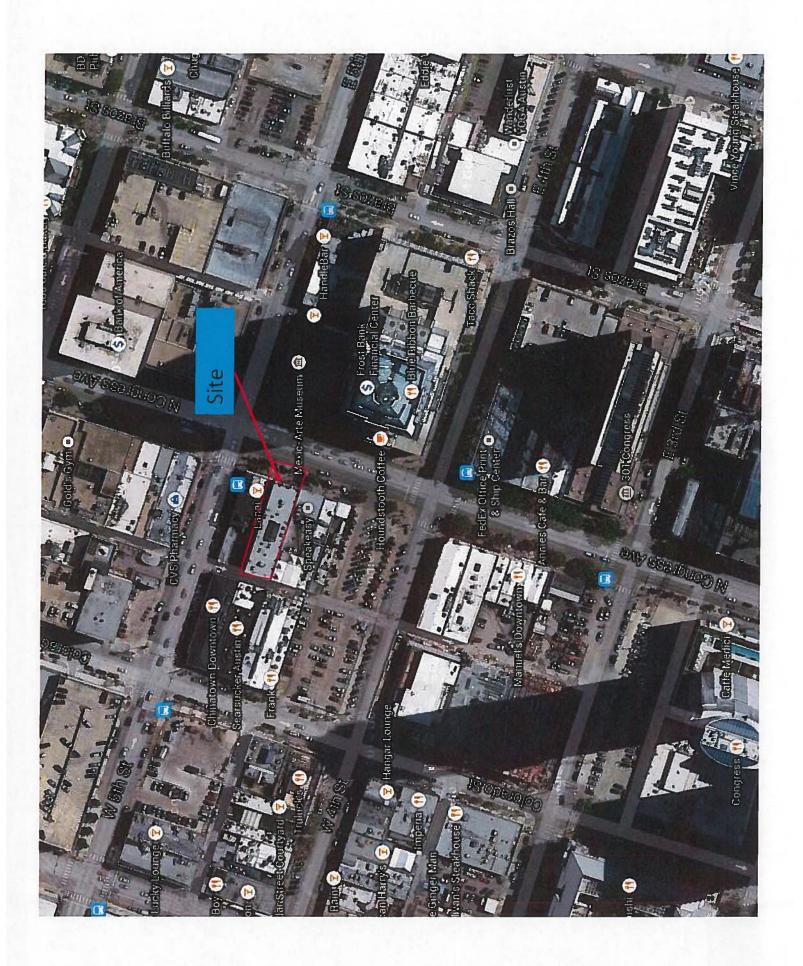
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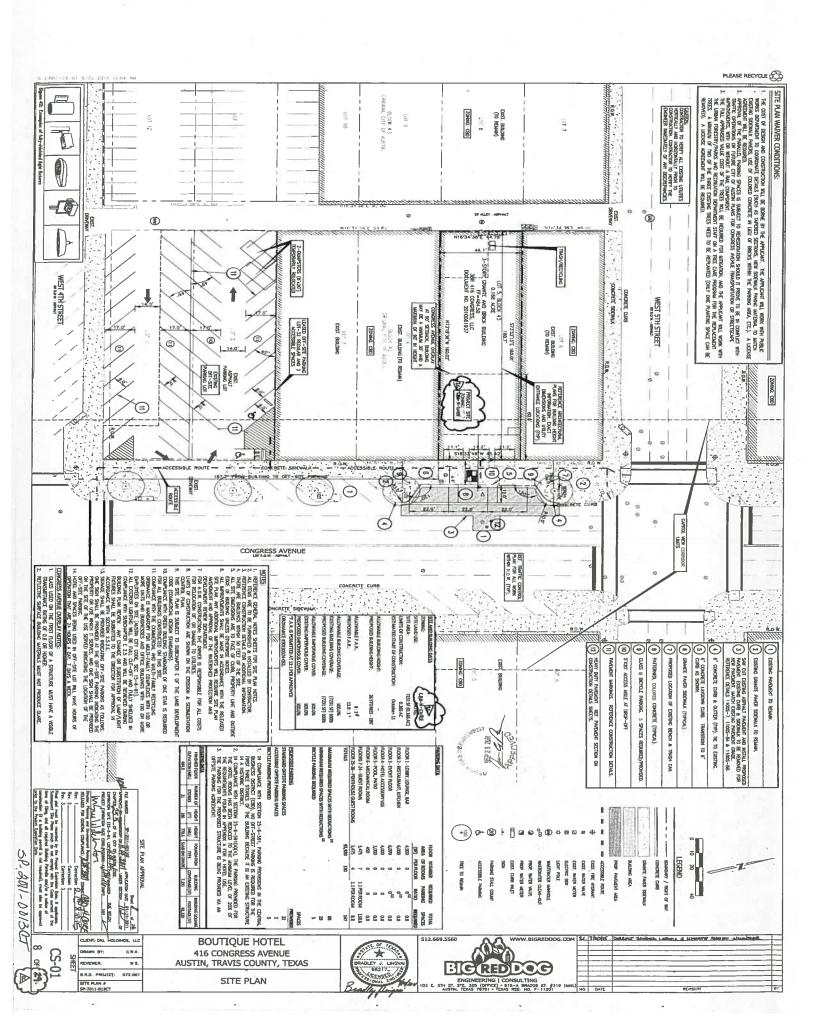


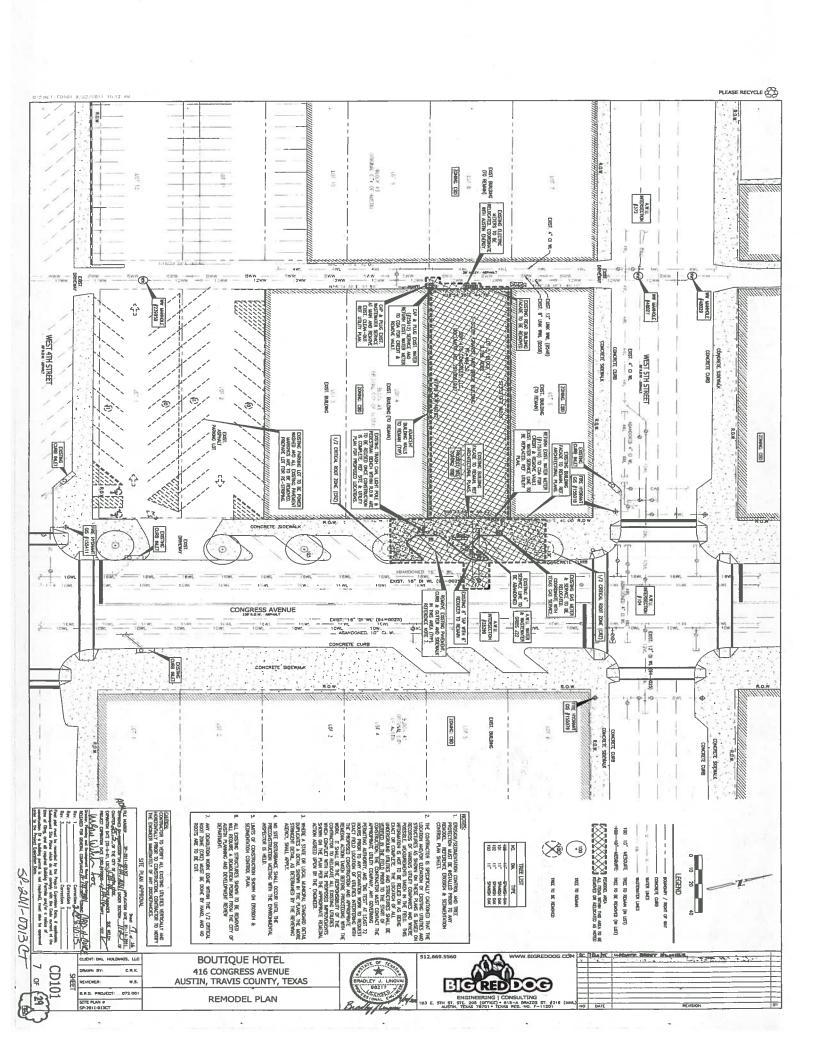
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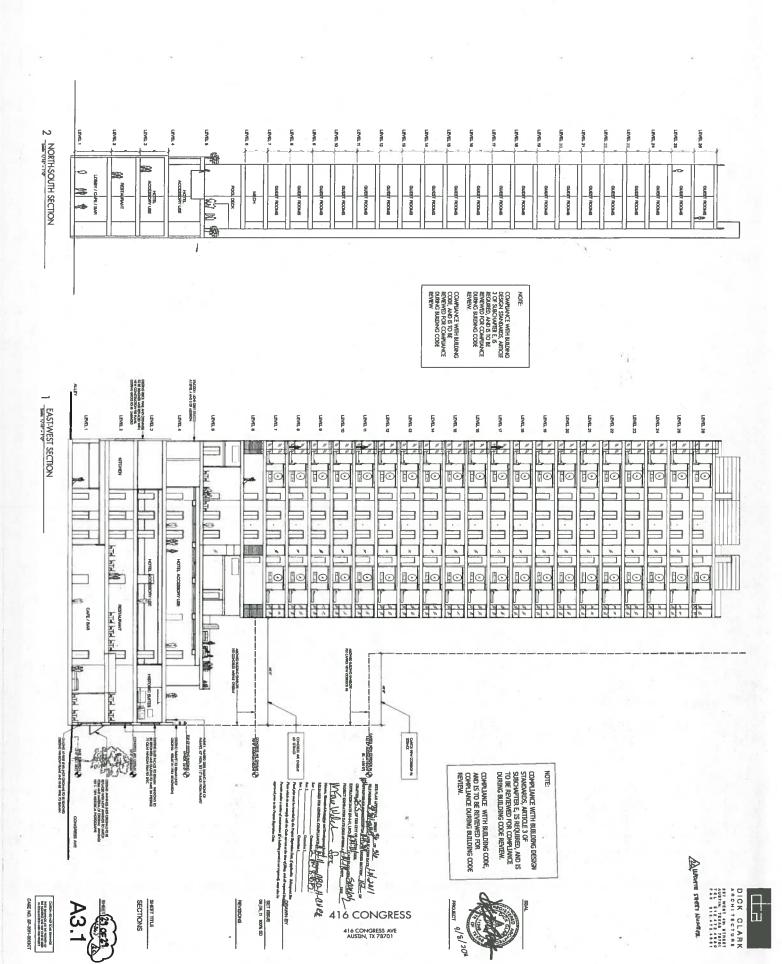
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May 8, 2015

Mr. Greg Guernsey Planning and Zoning Department City of Austin 505 Barton Springs Road Austin, TX 78704 Via Hand Delivery

Re:

Site Plan Extension for case SP-2011-0013CT(XT) – Consolidated

Administrative Site Plan for Boutique Hotel located at 416 Congress Avenue,

Austin, Travis County, Texas 78701 (the "Property")

Dear Mr. Guernsey:

As representatives of the owner of the above stated Property, we respectfully request a three year extension to SP-2011-0013CT(XT) as is applicable in Section 25-5-63 *Extension of Released Site Plan by the Land Use Commission* of the Austin City Code.

The original site plan was approved administratively on November 14, 2011. Subsequently, an administrative site plan extension request was filed on October 20, 2014. A one-year extension was administratively granted on April 30, 2015 to extend the expiration date of the Site Development Permit from November 14, 2014 to November 14, 2015.

The Property was acquired on September 29, 2014 by 416 Congress LLC. As such, the new owner requests the extension of the site development permit to allow for time to engage consultants and pursue building permits on the Property.

The approved site development permit substantially complies with the requirements that would apply to a new application for site plan approval. In addition, a Traffic Impact Analysis was not required for the approval of the original site plan nor would a TIA be required for a new application as the proposed density within the site plan does not exceed the 2,000 vehicle trips per day threshold.

Throughout the administrative site plan review process corrections and updates were performed on the original site plan. As such, we respectfully request that this extension request be reviewed by the same team. The review team for the one year extension consisted of:

Nikki Hoelter – Case Manager Natalia Rodriguez – Planer 1 May 8, 2015 Page 2

Jenna Neal – Electric
Liz Johnston – Environmental
Amanda Couch – Transportation
Bradley Barron – AWU-Utility Development Services
Benny Ho – Water Quality

Thank you for your time and consideration for this site plan extension. Please let me know if you or your team members require additional information or have any questions.

Very truly yours.

Amanda Swor